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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 23, 2006. Under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application. The requested extension and appropriate fee are as follows:

37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1) - Extension within first month

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Remarks

Claims 5-12 and 14-20 are pending.

Restriction Requirement

Restriction to one of the following groups of claims was required under 35 U.S.C.

Section 121:

Group I: Claims 5-12 and 14-15, said to be drawn to optimizing the performance of a light curing polymer system, and said to be classified in Class 156, subclass 275.5.

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Group II: Claims 16-20, said to be drawn to irradiating compositions using wave energy wherein at least two distinct external radiant energy sources are utilized, and said to be classified in Class 522, subclass 4.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect the Group I claims with traverse. Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement is improper for the following reasons.

Since each of the two groups of claims relates to a photocuring system, the searches required will be substantially the same. A search for one method should also produce references concerning the other. Searching both groups for a single patent application thus should not present an extra burden for the PTO, and Applicants therefore respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement.

Concluding Remarks

Continued prosecution of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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